

# Eco-Community Dialogues Newsletter

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## The Conservation Pledge

*I pledge to protect and preserve the natural resources of the planet Earth, and promise to promote education so we may become caretakers of our air, water, land, forest, and wildlife.*

### "Agent Orange" Corn and Soya Beans

Women are leaning in and showing up. Together we will create a common bond with local family farmers, because *Genetic Engineers* must lay down their transgenic sword-guns. *Genetically Modified Organisms* may be an outgrowth of *Project Paperclip's* postwar development of chemicals but biological pesticide crops damage the soil. We've got to wave the flag for local family farmers who build the soil.

You ask why women shoppers feel so strongly about the need for transparency and GMO-free consumer choices. It is because Man's chemical engineers have now altered corn and soya bean genetics to resist DOW CHEMICAL 2, 4-D, the main ingredient in AGENT ORANGE. The spraying of GMO biological pesticide crops with AGENT ORANGE begins this year. Man's widespread use of GLYPHOSATE *Round-up Ready* on genetically engineered transgenic plants has resulted in ever-worse dependence on the chemical treadmill.

AGENT ORANGE maimed, tortured, and killed lives during the *Vietnam War*, and it will kill soil microbes. Enough is enough. The CERTIFIED WHOLE FOOD MARKET believes that the AGENT ORANGE development will create huge consumer demand for organically grown, NON-GMO VERIFIED alternatives to the 173 million acres of GMO monopolization of our soil. Until war upon the EARTH ceases, the huge global demands for a non-GMO planet will continue to skyrocket. 2018 is the deadline for WHOLE FOOD suppliers to have transparency. So far over 1,000 brands have committed to 10,000 NON-GMO VERIFIED products in their pipeline. The good news is that 5,000 products have already been verified and non-GMO-free is trending as the top growth in groceries.

More and more consumers are avoiding processed foods, animal feed, and fresh produce, body care products and supplements from AMERICA, BRAZIL, ARGENTINA, and CANADA because those are the GMO/GE supply chain. Consumers are standing together as *One Human Family* living in just one *World Neighborhood*. We are black, brown, yellow, red, and white. We know we are NOT alone. GMO transparency is the broadest such WORLD INITIATIVE because Planet EARTH is that *Great Mother* of us all. When the call comes, MOTHER's voice inside is heard.

The silent killers waft in the air, poisoning our bodies with contrails while we lay sleeping. Women suffer from breast cancer, while families spray toxic weed killer all around their homes, and now AGENT ORANGE is sold to farmers while corporations dump toxins in our sea. From the *Pacific Ocean* to the *Gulf of Mexico* women are finally learning we can stop the tears. We are coming together guided by intuition and faith of heart. The Ocean represents the yin of WOMEN. The sea of Women arises. We are the voice of many waters. Now we are asking farmer Man to understand. Women will make peace. *Watch our waters rise.*

(Sources: Issue 8 Spring 2014 FOR A BETTER WORLD; [www.fairworldproject.org](http://www.fairworldproject.org); 2014, CERTIFIED WHOLE FOODS MARKET, "GMO: Your Right to Know"; [wholefoodsmarket.com/gmo](http://wholefoodsmarket.com/gmo))

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### Dirty Thoughts

*Agronomists, botanists, ecologists, geneticists, immunologists, and microbiologists* are all studying the RHIZOSPHERE's correlation with health. The scientists correlate health with the microbial ecosystems in the soil. According to Microbiologist *Justin Sonnenburg*, with *Stanford University*, soil microbes interact with your microbiome. .

Associate Professor *Daphne Miller*, M. D. with the UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO, and author of *Farmacology* agrees that time spent tilling the soil may even improve school performance in teens and slow dementia in seniors.

Agronomists at *Washington State University* utilized DNA sequencing technology to prove soil that teems with a wide diversity of Microbes produces more nutritious food. The *Bacteria, Fungi*, and *Nematodes* cooperate with plant roots. The roots transfer carbon and nutrients from the soil RHIZOSPHERE into food that builds Man's cells.

A study by the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) has linked stroke incidents to regional soil characteristics. The findings from this research were published in 2012 in THE JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND HEALTH and in the August 2013 issue of AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH MAGAZINE.

The scientists compared 10-years of SOUTH CAROLINA emergency room discharge and inpatient data of stroke incidents with information in the state's soil database. They discovered significant correlations between stroke rates, soil depth to water, and soil drainage class.

The *International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-Biotech Applications's* so-called "GMO facts" that plants are genetically modified to increase nutrition, resist pathogens, and tolerate drought. The real "GMO facts" are that biological pesticide crops damage soil microbes. Neither do they resist drought. Nor do they resist pathogens. GMO/GE crops are a failed experiment. *No more lies.*

Small family farmers live on their farms. Farmers who live on their land and feed their family from it tend to care for their soil as if it were a family member. Eating their local fresh produce is a great way to get your daily dose of healthy soil bacteria. Your health depends upon plants living in healthy topsoil. Even a daily handful of herbs from a container garden can have a positive impact on your health, whether homegrown or from a local farm.

(Sources: Winter 2014, YES MAGAZINE, "How Dirt Heals Us", by *Daphne Miller*; Fall 2013, IN GOOD TILTH, Research Briefs, "Possible links between soil characteristics and stroke risk" by *Ann Perry*; 2012 THE JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND HEALTH; August 2013, issue of AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH MAGAZINE, Medical Professor *Daniel Lackland* with the UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Research Leader *Patrick Hunt* with the AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE (ARS), Microbiologist *Thomas Ducey*, and Soil Scientist *Jarrold Miller*, and retired Soil Scientist *Warren Busscher*, in conjunction with the ARS's Coastal Plains Soil, Water, and Plant Research Center in Florence, SOUTH CAROLINA)

### Coffee Consternation

*Starbucks* has a representative on the advisory committee guiding the *United States of America's* (U.S.) negotiations on the TRANS PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP(TPP), and is one of the elite 600 corporate advisors who have been granted access to the secret text. The number of *Starbucks* in the U.S. is 11,000.

Did you know that 2,264 gallons of water is required to make one pound of coffee. What if the next time you bought a pound of coffee, you compared a pound of coffee's 2,264 gallons of water, to installing a water-efficient toilet that uses just 1.6 gallons of water or less, per flush. *Ouch, Starbucks.*

If you also stop and think about all that diabetic SYNGENTA AG sugar that goes into your morning *Cup of Joe*, figure in the 157 gallons of water required to produce one pound of sugar. *Whoa GMO sugar beets.*

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And we haven't even talked about cream for your coffee yet. It's a water glut to eat dairy. A mere pound of cheese requires 606 gallons of water. Compare that to a high-efficiency front-loading clothes washer that uses less than 15 gallons per wash load.

A high-efficiency front-loading clothes washer actually uses HALF the amount of water of a standard top-loading washer. Until now you may not have known how troubled the planet is over AMERICA's Starbucks habit, toilet flushing, and top-loading washers.

The bottom line is that the salinization of ground water due to rising sea levels means the *Wilt of Ages* for our withering blue water planet.

According to the ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA), the best way to conserve on household water use, is for home owners and landlords to install low-flow water-conserving toilets and high-efficiency front-loading clothes washers. How soon will your city offer reward incentives because of the withering EARTH. Love of EARTH's Aquarium is necessary to heal the planet.

(Sources: Spring 2014, FAIR WORLD PROJECT For A Better World, "*Engaging in Trade Policy Transformation This World Fair Trade Day!*" by Dana Geffner; Winter 2014, Yes! Magazine; March 4, 2014, MAIL TRIBUNE, "*Study shows ignorance of individual water use*" by Monte Morin LOS ANGELES TIMES)

#### Welcome to the Ecozoic Aquarian ERA

*"Something which you think is impossible now is not impossible in another decade."*

*--Constance Baker Mottley*

Depravity toward *Mother Nature* eventuates in depravity toward women, children, and fellow Man. When future generations read this witness then shall they say that as in the days of *Noah*, there was sexual violence upon the EARTH as the *Age of Pisces* ceded to the *New Millennium*. But the good news is that the *World Today* will have become history 10-years from now.

#### Eco-Justice

Recently the EUROPEAN UNION's (EU) Agency for Fundamental Rights in Vienna released the largest survey of its kind and reported that of 42,000 women surveyed in the EU, a tithe of them have experienced sexual violence and half had reported being raped. The survey suggests that over 100 million women in the EUROPEAN UNION's 28 nation states have experienced sexual harassment. The situation is no better in AMERICA.

The CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL had believed that as many as one fourth of all girls are sexually abused by the time they reach the age of 18, and one-sixth of all boys. Since women and children are the majority of the world's population, the issue has become urgent and important.

Innocent victims are harmed in these acts, and it leads to resentment among the people. If we refocus efforts upon advocating for girls' education, it will make a big impact in this time of rapid change.

The backdrop is that twelve years ago *David Lisak* and *Paul Miller* conducted a study that concluded that campus perpetrators are serial offenders because 63% of college men who confess, average having committed six rapes or attempted rapes each. Sexual predators know alcohol renders their targets more vulnerable to assault, makes survivors less likely to remember the event, and less likely to report the sex crime.

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Seven years ago *Dr. Dean Kilpatrick* with the MEDICAL UNIVERSITY of SOUTH CAROLINA next established that most campus rapes go unreported, but depression and post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and substance abuse are damaging aftermath effects that limit women university students' ability to succeed academically. Rape negatively impacts the educational attainment of women in AMERICA. Educational environments need to be safe for men and women students.

*Dr. Kimberly Lonsway* and former sex-crimes detective *Joanne Archambault* with END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN INTERNATIONAL then established that false reporting of rape is very rare, but federal data reveals only 0.2 to 2.8 of 100 forcible rapes in AMERICA during the past two decades ever resulted in perpetrator custody.

And finally, what turned the tide was that *Andrea Pino* filed a TITLE IX complaint against the UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA-CHAPEL HILL a year after she was raped. TITLE IX mandates equal rights to education regardless of gender.

In 2011 the U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION's *Office for Civil Rights* sent a letter to the *Obama Administration* asserting that sexual violence in the *United States of America* is a form of sex discrimination, prohibited by TITLE IX.

Never underestimate the difference of one person because in 2011 the federal government cited TITLE IX in instructing colleges to *take immediate and effective steps* to end sexual harassment and sexual violence!

*Ms. Pino* helped start up the *KNOW YOUR IX Collective* that built an online presence, a campus network, and a hostel for campus assault survivors. She gives talks across the nation, and now helps others file TITLE IX complaints in order to change rape culture on campuses.

The *Campus SaVE Act* was passed as part of the VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2013, requiring universities to provide prevention information to students. Some universities are pairing up with rape crisis centers and expert advisers.

The CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL offered federal *Rape Prevention and Education Program* funds for rape crisis centers to provide middle schools and high schools with programs. For example *Cleveland, ILLINOIS's Rape Crisis Center* created a campaign called *Youth 360*.

Above all, on January 22, 2014, *President Obama* issued a presidential memorandum establishing a WHITE HOUSE *task force* to address campus rape, with specific policy recommendations.

*Mr. Obama* implicated male accountability in teaching young men to show respect toward women because daughters, sisters, wives, mothers, grandmothers, and aunts have the human right to be free from sexual abuse and violence.

A new report from THE WHITE HOUSE COUNCIL ON WOMEN AND GIRLS about sexual assault and rape implicates that when men speak out against abuse then other men are likely to step forward to neutralize and prevent such.

"*Men Against Violence*" (WMAV) is a student-led club at WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY. It is a men's group with focus on preventing violence in personal relationships. Their goal is to start the conversation, based on the idea that apathy and silence condone harm. The club teaches men strategies for talking to peers about healthy behavior and the men work with campus feminist organizations to co-host events such as "*Walk a Mile in Her Shoes*" to raise awareness about gender equality, because violence isn't a women's issue—it's a people issue. It's important for everyone to recognize and stop it. No more silence and lies. Men are listening now.

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*Generation Five* and *Facing History* bystander programs help Man recognize pain in oneself and in others. Let us therefore keep forward motion by being *Love and Light*. Sing out loud and strong that you have the hammer of justice, the bell of freedom, and the song about love between our brothers and our sisters all over this land.

(Sources: January 26, 2014, NEW YORK TIMES, "Talking Sexual Violence Without Giving Offense"; February 25, 2014, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, "Making Campuses Safer for Women" by Monika Hostler, President of the board of the NATIONAL ALLIANCE TO END SEXUAL VIOLENCE;; <http://sites.tufts.edu/reinventingpeace/2014/01/16/it-began-in-boston-remarks-by-laura-ros...> ; and March 6, 2014, SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, World News of the Day from Across the Globe, "EU rape victims"; Winter 2014, YES! MAGAZINE, "Western Men Against Violence Promoting Healthy Masculinity" and "Andrea Pino Ending Sexual Assault on Campus")

### We Can Learn to Live Together

Conversion of the military to feminist needs is a big transition. The SENATE decided the military chain of commanders need to be held accountable by remaining part of the process rather than being able to say it is not their problem anymore, since a PENTAGON survey last year reported 26,000 incidents of unwanted sexual conduct.

Three female Senators imposed half a dozen changes to combat the pervasive problem of rape and sexual offenses ushering in historic change in the military justice system. The new legislation would change the military rules of evidence. The military culture has lagged in realizing sexual predators. The "Good Soldier Defense" may no longer be used to doubt a crime has been committed in court martial proceedings. As it stands *Majors* and *Captains* will know that arbiter if a *Prosecutor* wants to move ahead with a case and a *Commander* disagrees, the decision gets kicked up to the *Civilian Service Secretary* for final arbiter. .

(Sources: March 7, 2014, WALL STREET JOURNAL, "Senate blocks Measure on Sexual Assaults in Military" by Kristina Peterson and Julian Barnes; March 11, 2014 DAILY TIDINGS, "Senate OK's bill to combat military sexual assault" by Donna Cassata, the Associated Press; March 11, 2014, MAIL TRIBUNE, "Senate votes to kill 'good soldier defense' ", by Donna Cassata )

### "The Imagination is Stronger Than Willpower"--Albert Einstein

A world economy based on war is a heavy burden. The time is ripe for global citizens to activate the true Nature of the Universe, which is love, light, peace, and healing energy. If international leaders all agreed upon global peace education and non-violence curricula for all school children, imagine how soon there could be arms curtailment and a nuclear abolition treaty. With a little bit of help, kids everywhere may grow up knowing we are all one human family to love and to cherish.

Just suppose billions of dollars were redirected annually away from juvenile recruitment efforts, and utilized toward peace education. What if the military presence no longer had access to children in public schools and shopping malls. Imagine restricting military recruiters from using iPods, movie tickets, and more to establish relationships with minors. *Einstein* said the power of imagination is stronger than willpower, so picture no *Junior Cadets* program, and no more *Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps* civic engagement curriculum.

How life enhancing for peace studies to become the core curricula for compulsory public education of elementary, middle school, and high school children. To learn more about how to help school-age children become skilled in non-violent problem-solving, contact THE WESTERN JUSTICE CENTER, located in Pasadena, CALIFORNIA. There's a New Day coming, and it's just around the bend.

There is a scene in the newly released movie, *Son of God*, that portrays Peter who was armed, using his weaponry to slice off the Roman's ear. The film depicts Jesus words that they who live by the sword shall die by the sword. How pertinent to the gun control issue of Today's World. A peace tree blooms in the heart of those who carry no thought of harm.

(Source: January 16, 2014, The WORLD PEACE FOUNDATION Reinventing Peace, "*It Began in Boston: Remarks by Laura Roskos*", by Laura Roskos, and remarks by James Shannon; THE BIBLE)

#### Keep Libraries Open

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word WAS God" --The Bible

Did you know *Albert Einstein* was queried about what makes children intelligent, and his response was to read fairy tales out loud to kids. When queried as to how to make children even smarter, *Einstein's* reply was to read even more fairy tales out loud to them. A *Grim* idea, or not.

Consider this, if books are how Man communicates with the dead, then libraries safeguard this freedom. Have you ever read the book *A Wrinkle in Time* out loud to your tweens.

#### New Film -- Hungry for Justice

The new 16-minute short documentary, *Hungry for Justice: Spotlight on the South*, launches during *Farmworker Awareness Week*, March 24-31, 2014. The film launches the *Agricultural Justice Project's* "Food Justice Certification" and market label for farms that have socially just working conditions. you would like to host a screening, contact [littlebeanproductions@gmail.com](mailto:littlebeanproductions@gmail.com).

(Source: Issue 8 Spring 2014, FOR A BETTER WORLD, Issues and Challenges for a Just Economy, News in Brief, "new Fulm Highlights Plight of U.S. Farmworkers"; [www.fairworldproject.org](http://www.fairworldproject.org))

#### Pop Quiz

What are people doing about how Climate Change is expected to affect your region?

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